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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

- 16. (Previously presented) A method of analyzing blood in a reverse test, comprising:
 - (a) admixing a sample of blood with reagent red blood cells bearing A antigen and with reagent red blood cells bearing B antigen wherein such admixing is performed in a single column;
 - (b) allowing the admixture to agglutinate;
 - (c) subjecting the admixture to visual or automated computerized imaging analysis; and
 - (d) analyzing the visual or automated computerized imaging analysis to determine ABO reverse type.

Claims 17-19 (canceled)

20. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein one group of reagent red blood cells of step (a) are stained.

Claim 21 (canceled)

- 22. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the column agglutination technology is a column agglutination test reaction and separation vessel in cassette form.
- 23. (original) The method of Claim 22 wherein an automated computerized imaging system is employed to interpret an agglutination result.

Claims 24-28 (canceled)

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the single [[test]] column subjected to visual or automated computerized imaging analysis is selected from